(a) whether the Government propose to entrust the export of sugar to more than one agencies;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to increase the price of levy sugar in the current year; and

(d) if so, the share of the producers out of this increase?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no such proposal.

(d) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Straightening of National Highway No.3

5864. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the national Highway No. 3 is being straightened in order to reduce its distance between Agra-Bombay;

(b) if so, the destance in kilometres likely to be recduced.

(c) the details of the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Deposits by Non-Resident Indians

5365. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of foreign exchange deposited by the Non-resident Indians in nationalised banks in the country during the last six months;

(b) whether consultation facilities regarding account management, capital investment, tax assessment have been made available for the Non-resident Indians in these banks; and

(c) if so, the response of the Non-resident Indians thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The total outstanding balances in NRE and FCNR accounts from August, 1991 to January, 1992 are given below:-

Period	*Amount in Rs. crores.*
August, 91	22,419
September, 91	22,164
October, 91	21,859
November, 91	21,790
December, 91	21,984
January, 1992	21,896

(b) and (c): As a measure of customer service banks have been advised to guide the NRIs in the management of accounts, capital investment, tax assessment etc. and the response of the non-resident Indians has generally been encouraging.